

Energy Efficiency Programs for Small Businesses Rhode Island

The Systems Benefits Charge (SBC) was established in 2004 under the Renewable Energy Standard (Section 39-26-8) to help support renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. The SBC appears on customers' utility bills, so whether you are an individual paying for your residential energy usage or small business usage, you are paying the SBC. The SBC pays for programs that help residents, businesses, and municipalities become more energy efficient.

The Office of Energy Resources and the Energy Efficiency Resource Management council monitor and assist National Grid with the implementation of energy efficiency programs for small businesses. The program offers business owners an opportunity to upgrade to new, energy efficient equipment at a very reasonable cost. All you have to do is get an energy assessment, and National Grid will pay up to 70% of the cost of the upgrades. The benefits of participating, include lower energy bills, enhanced lighting to showcase your products, improved lighting longevity, and overall improvements to the appearance of your business.

Details on the program are listed below, along with the website information.

Rhode Island Small Business Program

- Get a free, no obligation on-site energy audit. A proposal is developed based on the audit. To schedule, the audit [complete this form](#) or call 1-800-332-3333.
- Energy efficient equipment available through the program includes:
 - Lighting – upgrades and occupancy sensors
 - Walk-in cooler efficiency upgrades
 - Site-specific custom projects
 - Gas measures for Natural Gas customers
- If you decide to move forward with installations and upgrades based on the proposal, National Grid will pay up to 70% of the installation and equipment costs.
- You can finance the remaining balance (interest-free, up to 24 months) through National Grid, and you can pay it through your monthly utility bill. You can also pay one lump sum, and National Grid will discount your amount due by an additional 15%.
- Small businesses with an average kW demand of 200 kW or less are eligible for this program.
- For additional information, call 1-800-332-3333 or visit <https://www1.nationalgridus.com/RISmallBusinessProgram>.